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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Nicola Perone**

§ Group Art Unit: **3731**

Application No.: **10 / 615,566**

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Examiner: **Truong, K.**

Date Filed: **July 8, 2003**

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Title: **A New Obstetrical Vacuum Extractor  
with a Pull-Sensing Handle Grip**

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Docket No.: **P31343US**

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Dear Sirs:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Applicant Nicola Perone transmits herewith the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced application:

- ☒ Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review;
- ☒ Notice of Appeal;
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a);
- ☒ Reasons for Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review; and
- ☒ Return-Receipt Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required filing fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2511.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: DECEMBER 13, 2006

By:

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